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Mall Committee Organized by SWNA

Southwest residents want to know what will happen to the mall and the services and shops we use. To find out what was happening and to make sure our community had a chance to help make decisions, the Southwest Neighborhood Association set up the mall Committee.

Since the beginning of Waterfront mall in the early 1960's, EPA has been the main tenant, bringing in 4500 workers every day. These workers shopped in our specialty shops, in our Safeway and CVS, ate in our restaurants, used

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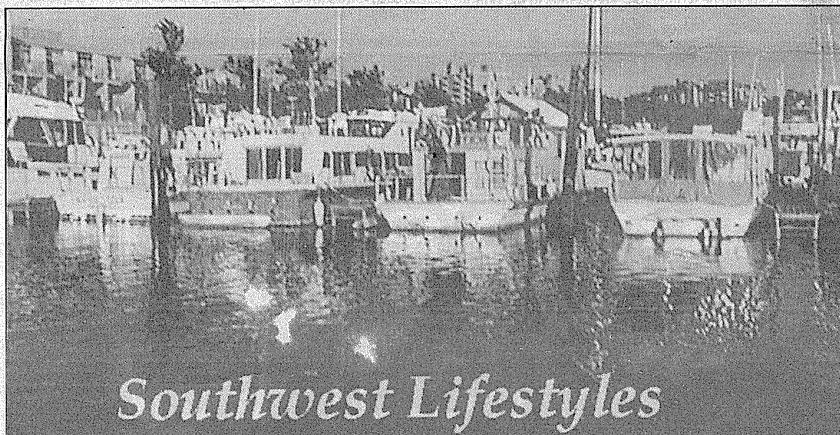
Waterside Mall Report will be heard at SWNA Meeting - Tuesday, September 30.

The Waterside Mall Committee will report on their findings regarding the future of Waterside Mall at the SWNA meeting. It will be Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M Streets.

What will happen after EPA moves? Not only will this affect Waterside Mall, it will affect our whole community. The committee met with Mr. Bressler, one of the Waterside Mall owners. The report of that meeting - including marketing plans suggested by Mr. Bressler - will be shared at the SWNA meeting.

COME TO THE TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPT. 30TH AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S, 600 M ST., 7 PM

As we move into plans for the future, the whole community has to become involved. We are all a part of it. Come to the Town Meeting on the 30th and find out what is happening and what you can do to help.



Southwest Lifestyles

Part I - Marina Living

This series will take a look at the interesting people and lifestyles in our SW neighborhood.

Written and photographed by
Joan D. Tierney

The smell of the sea hits your nose the moment you walk onto the marina ramp. When your feet hit the wooden planks, you become aware of the gentle roll of the water underneath the boards, rising and falling as the waves hit the concrete wall, creating that gentle slapping sound as the water laps against the floating dock. A toot of a horn echoes in the distance, while boats lazily ply the channel. Ah! What a life!

These sights and sounds aroused my curiosity as to whom I might find living aboard those interesting boats at our doorstep, yet so inaccessible behind security fencing. A sign of the times on land or sea.

Did you know that almost 60% of the people who live at the Marina, work full-time in professional careers right here in the city? Did you know they count among their number - airline pilots, lawyers, engineers, professors, scientists, architects, computer experts, CEOs of successful corporations?

We decided to visit a few of the residents at the Marina for our first article, to get a taste of marina living and to meet some of your live-aboard neighbors. Now meet some of your Marina neighbors!

Ed Johnson-Young, single, computer expert, Ed has just purchased a larger boat to live in and another to use as an office that he shares with a marina neighbor. His website is wdc.net if you'd like a web page designed or other

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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:

to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich an equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

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Meet Rocketa Gillis, SWNA's High School Intern



Hi. I am Rocketa Gillis, a student from Anacostia Academy high school and a summer intern for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. I got this internship through the Urban Alliance Foundation. This summer, I worked with Jennifer Ray, a summer intern from Cornell University. I worked at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on I St., next to the Waterside Mall. At my job I did a lot of office work like working on the computer, photo copying, going to meetings, meeting important people like Marc Weiss, helping to organize the Waterside Mall customer survey, and more.

I liked what I did, the people who worked around me and my worksite. However, this kind of job is not what I want to do when I get out of school. I want to start my own day care center for about fifty children, from infants to seven-year-olds. Working with Jennifer Ray, I have learned a lot this summer about the Waterside Mall, the Waterfront and the Southwest area in general that I did not know about before I came to this job. Not only have I learned a lot mentally, but I learned how to work independently.

The staff of The Southwester wants to thank the community members for all of the articles which they have submitted. For this first issue of the 1997-98 year, over 46 articles were submitted. Because of space limitations and/or content, not all were printed. The editor makes the final decision as to what appears in the paper.

The paper serves as a community bulletin board as well as, a vehicle for news stories which are specific to Southwest Washington, DC. Occasionally, we will print articles which are pertinent to our city as a whole. We encourage people to submit articles which are well written and that answer the five newspaper questions - who, what, where, when and how. Opinion letters should be written for "The Letters to the Editor Column."

The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc.

This past summer the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly had the services of Rocketa Gillis. She is a high school student interning through the Urban Alliance.

The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit group founded to create long-term employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged students. We are committed to helping meet the needs of these young men and women as they struggle to become responsible adults.

By placing high school students in paid positions in government and private sectors, youth are provided with positive role models and mentors, expand their network of employment resources, and are offered an opportunity to prove to themselves and others that they can make their own American dreams come true.

Students enter the program during their sophomore year, working part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer until graduation. This long-term component is critical to ensure that the student becomes a meaningful member of the office and develops a lasting commitment to work.

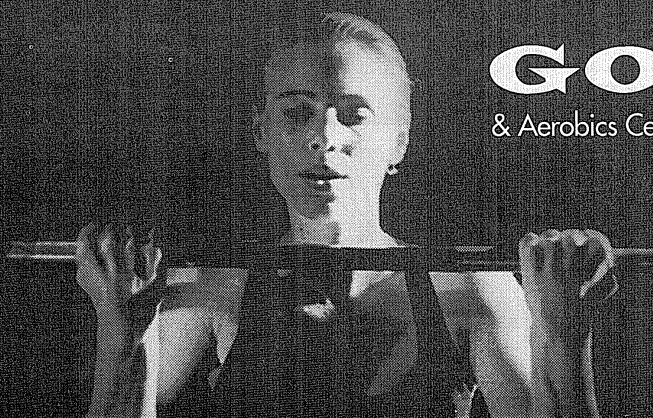
Students who seek to participate in this program are interviewed by the Urban Alliance and screened by their teachers to ensure that they are not under any disciplinary restriction. The Urban Alliance staff speaks regularly with both students and employers to monitor the program and provide guidance where necessary.

If the Urban Alliance is to continue to create employment opportunities for students, they will need financial support and employer participation. They plan to expand the program.

SWNA learned about this group from SWNA member Eliza Stefaniw. If any other members have an idea which will benefit SWNA, he or she is urged to call SWNA. The Assembly is interested in many different kinds of donations - a loan of a computer, fax, copier, someone who would like to be an editorial intern, etc., etc. Call the SWNA Voice Mail at 563-6056.

Our thanks to the Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc. - 6645 Barnaby Street, NW - Washington, DC 20015 - Telephone: 202-966-4745

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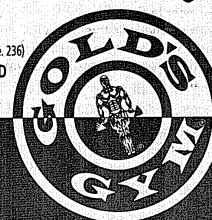
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Summer Intern Thanks You For Your Support

Hello from Ithaca, New York! For those of you who didn't meet me this summer, my name is Jennifer Ray and I was the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's business intern. I'm back at Cornell University completing my MBA degree in general management, but I wanted to tell you what I did over the summer and thank you for a wonderful experience.

SWNA hired me through a community development initiative run by Students for Responsible Business, an international organization for MBA students. I attended an SRB conference in May to learn about community development issues, which was a wonderful introduction to my internship.

Southwest 2020: Long-Term Strategic Plan

I began my internship in mid-May. Rocketa Gillis joined SWNA in June, and was an integral part of each of my projects. (For more information about Rocketa and her summer, see her article in this issue of *The Southwester*.) My main objective for the summer was to establish and implement a long-term strategic plan for revitalizing Southwest DC. First, I interviewed various Southwesters in order to identify the community's strengths and weaknesses. This provided me with a better understanding of the community and its needs. From these informational interviews, I identified the key areas people were interested in improving.

These areas became the focus of the "Southwest 2020: The Future of Southwest Washington" initiative. From this list, I helped organize a number of task force teams, each dedicated to a specific area of concern. (The full list is published elsewhere in this newspaper.) Putting my networking skills to use, I spoke with numerous Southwesters to obtain the names of people who might be interested in working on each of these projects. I then contacted and recruited people to join these teams.

Once a team had at least five members, I arranged an organizational meeting. At these meetings, the members discussed the team's mission and strategy. Although several of these teams are already up and running, a few have been tabled due to low interest. If you have not been asked to join a team but you are interested in being actively involved in the revitalization of Southwest, please attend the next SWNA meeting and sign up for the team of your choice. The more, the merrier!

The Future of Waterside Mall

As you are well aware, one of the biggest concerns in Southwest is the future of the Waterside Mall. I worked closely with Margaret Feldman and the Waterside Mall committee to help identify ways the community can revitalize this area. In addition to attending committee meetings, I interviewed many of the shopping center retail business proprietors to determine what they like and dislike about the mall as well as the potential impact the EPA departure will have on their businesses. Most of the tenants stated that they enjoyed working in Southwest, but many may be forced to relocate or even close if a new occupant is not found for the EPA space.

I also designed a survey for Waterside Mall customers. The purpose of the survey was to identify who shops at the mall, how often, and why. This information is very useful for recruiting new tenants. Southeastern University donated the services of many of their high school interns to conduct these surveys. I trained and supervised the students as they interviewed shoppers. Rocketa Gillis and Eliza Stephaniw recorded and analyzed the results, which will be available shortly. Many thanks to Southeastern University for its support!

Other Tasks

In addition to these major projects, I performed a variety of other tasks for the Assembly. For example, the Scholarship Committee asked me to help interview their applicants. I interviewed Dr. Jarvis, President of Southeastern University for the summer issue of *The Southwester*. The SWNA's new voice mail number (563-6056) was established this summer. The Youth Activities Task Force asked me to search the Internet for information on youth development grants. Finally, I assisted with the layout and distribution of *The Southwester*. I enjoyed working with these task force teams.

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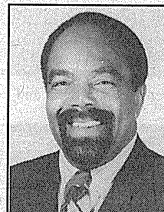
More people than I can possibly name in this article were tremendously helpful this summer, and I am most appreciative. I do wish to extend special thanks to John, Anne, and Polly Talbot for allowing me to stay with them, Brian and Ruth Hamilton and the Westminster Presbyterian congregation for providing Rocketa and me with office space, and Marc Weiss and the entire SWNA Board for their knowledge, contacts, and overall support. I had an amazing experience and will definitely put the skills I learned to good use in future years. I look forward to hearing updates on the community for many years to come!

Project Wonder

by Rocketa Gillis

Hi, I am Rocketa Gillis, the high school intern working with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. My first day working with the Project Wonder Bible Study Camp was fun and new compared to the other summer camps that I have been in the past year. The things which we did there were Bible Classes, Arts and Crafts, music, trips, and just plain had fun. The Project Wonder Group is every summer around the first week of August. The churches gather children between the ages of six and twelve years old and teach them about the Bible and then let them have safe fun. I was working with the 3rd and 4th graders. They were the largest group at the Project Wonder camp. This camp was held at the Lansburg Park.

Southwest Resident Attends Fourth African-African American Summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, July 20-26, 1997



Dr. Clifford Lee, a Southwest Tiber Island resident, attended the Fourth African-African American Summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, stopping in Johannesburg, South Africa to attend a reception at the residence of President Nelson Mandela honoring delegates to the Summit. While in Johannesburg, delegates attended the commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the 1976 Soweto Youth Uprising and the 20th Anniversary of the Sullivan Principles. This commemoration took place at the Regina Mundi Catholic Church in Soweto where the fight against apartheid began. Regina Mundi aptly became known as The Peoples Parliament because it served as the primary meeting place for Black South Africans fighting for their political rights.

The basic theme of the Summit was building a bridge from America to Africa with friends of Africa from around the world - a bridge that will never collapse. Areas of discussion at the Summit included debt relief, education, health, business development, agriculture, population dynamics, democracy and peace, with special emphasis on ethnic and religious cooperation in relation to nation building.

The Fifth African-African American Summit will be held in 1999. Dr. Lee also attended the preceding Summits; the first in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (1991); the second in Libreville, Gabon (1993); and the third in Dakar, Republic of Senegal (1995).

Library News

Welcome back from your summer vacation. We trust that everyone had a fun-filled summer. The Library will resume a fall schedule this month. The schedule is: Mon - Wed 10:00 am - 5:30 pm, Thurs. 1:00 am - 9:00 pm, Fri. - closed and Sat. - 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

The Computer Lab for Adult Literacy is scheduled to begin this fall. The Friends of the SW Library will host a used book sale on Thursday, October 9, 1997 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Waterside Mall. Donations of books can be made at the SW Library during normal business hours. The SW Library's phone number is 202/727-1381.

Don't miss OCT. 18, Sat. 10-6
4th ART ON FOOT Day
Live Art Demos on the
Navy Memorial Plaza
by Joan D. Tierney, SW Artist
Art card miniatures of
Washington, in watercolors and
pastels - also framed prints will be
on sale at special rates



SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(September 1997)

Sept 30 Tuesday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Meeting 7pm St. Augustine's Church 300 M Street, SW
Oct 4 Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Oct 6 Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board 6:30pm Southeastern University 501 Eye Street, SW
Oct 7 Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council 7:30pm First District Headquarters 415 Fourth Street, SW
Oct 9 Thursday	Friends of the SW Library Book Sale 9am-3pm, Waterside Mall
Oct 13 Monday	St. Augustine's Family Fun Fair and Flea Market 600 M Street, SW
Oct 13 Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:30pm Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street, SW
Oct 14 Tuesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Oct 15 Wednesday	Wiley Branton CDC Board Meeting 7pm St. Augustine Church 600 M Street, SW
Oct 18 Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Oct 21 Tuesday	SW DC LINCT Restructuring Mtg. 7pm Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Oct 23 Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30pm Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Oct 25	Saturday Million Woman March - Get on the Bus to PA! 5AM Corridor of M Street, SW Between 1st and 4th Streets, SW
Oct 27 Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Meeting 7pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M Street, SW
Oct 28 Tuesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW

(Please submit calendar items by the first of October to C.W. Hargrave (202) 554-8284.)

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has a telephone number. You can call it, 563-6056, leave your message on the Voice Mail and someone in SWNA will call you back. The number for The Southwester will remain 488-3355.

Marina Living

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special internet help. Ed is officially changing the name of his home to a more adventurous title, iSeeking Wild. It's an image thing, he said. "Ooh Baby Baby" doesn't fit him. His sidekick is a dog named Naomi, a constant companion. By the end of this article, you'll be charmed by the menagerie of pets living aboard.

Senator Paul Strauss, D.C.'s shadow senator and his wife, Kathy, are weekenders at SW marina, who enjoy cruising the river and dining aboard. Both work all week, so this is their time to get laid back and comfortable. Paul also plans to share the office space on Ed Johnson's floating office for his legal practice.

Dr. Bill Blass, physicist and professor from the University of Tennessee, consultant to Goddard Space Flight Center, spends every possible moment on his boat at the Marina, with his wonderful wife, Betty. They work together maintaining their craft in tiptop shape. In their comfy living area, there are plaques galore, books, and other academic memorabilia. They like living the marina lifestyle, particularly because Southwest puts them within walking distance of the many museums and theaters in the Capitol. They love riding the river after sunset when the monuments are lit. It's a sight you never tire of, says Betty.

Amy Smith, electrical engineer, enjoys life aboard her trawler. She moved to the Marina four years ago and has never been happier. She's become a Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer. She won 5th place for her boat decorations during the Festival of Lights last year. Amy's live aboard pet is an elegant, white and camel color cat named Lesia.

Eric Slaughter and Elizabeth Rose, long time residents at the marina, operate Finished Business, Washington's most successful, popular charter boat. The couple has specialized in serving the business community of Washington. Not only DC corporations, but international firms as well, increasingly use private cruises on Finished Business to entertain guests from Asia, West and East Europe, and South America. Eric bought the ship, when it was a Coast Guard vessel, and fixed it up. He says it is the oldest hull (1947) still sailing the Potomac.

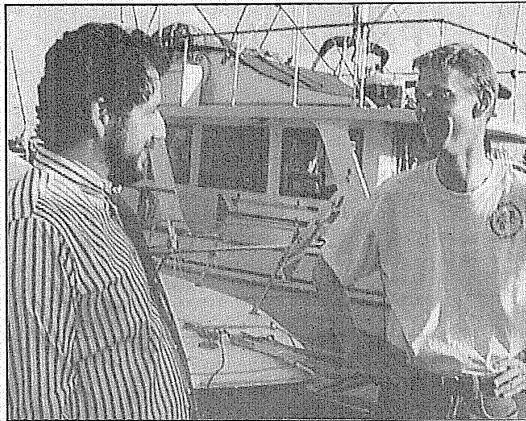
Lisa Franchetti and Chris Peter Schmidt, neighbors of the Blasses, are a delightful new couple who have chosen marina living. Lisa is an aide to the top Navy officer in the Pentagon; Chris is a researcher/physicist for the Navy. They are avid climbers, hikers, rollerbladers and have, without a doubt, the most colorful, funny pet group on the marina. Pictures of all the animals are at the bottom of the article. Those belonging to Lisa and Chris are Henrietta, the hedgehog, pussy cats named Maloho and Piccolina, and a dog named Sherlock.

Chuck Cain, CEO of a cargo transfer company at Dulles, bought his luxury yacht in Fort Lauderdale, drove it up the Intracoastal to Washington. He had planned to retire but couldn't resist an offer from an old friend to be a partner in the container shipping company. It was immediately successful, so he's had to fight to make more time for himself and his warmhearted, shaggy dog, Rosee, a buddy who's with him 24 hrs. a day. His fiancé of twelve years, Eileen, visits every weekend from Harrisburg. Together they relax and enjoy Washington's parks for running, the seafood market, DC's restaurants, its theaters, or just sitting back on their deck and soak in the slow, lazy style of the waterfront life.

Chuck is a gourmet chef, a former cooking class teacher. He would love to see an exciting chef open a dynamic restaurant to re-open the Gangplank restaurant. He's slightly interested himself but too overworked to carry the load. He hopes some business developer sees the lost potential of that site and invests in its reopening. If that happened, he would like to be involved in some capacity. Anyone listening?

In future issues, we will take a look at families in our co-ops, condos, townhouses, and Ft. McNair families. We'll also give you a chance to meet and know some owners and managers of the businesses in Southwest. What's the purpose? To stimulate your interest in promoting Southwest to other Washingtonians as a home. It's time to promote SW to businesses you know of that have not taken a good look at Southwest and its potential for revitalization.

Note: If you would like to be interviewed for this series, contact the Southwester editor, at 488-3355.



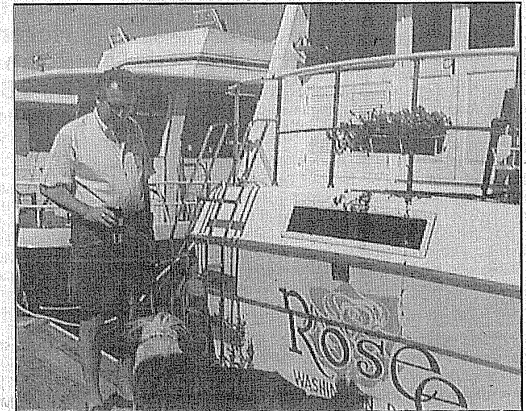
Sen. Frank Strauss and Ed Johnson trade stories.



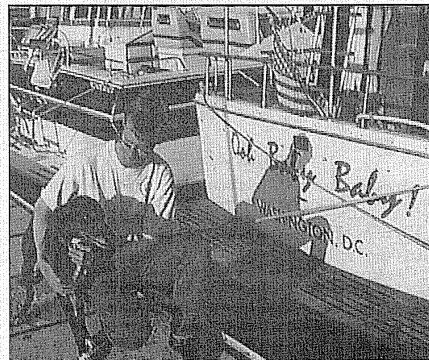
Naval officer Lisa Franchetti escaping Pentagon life at the marina



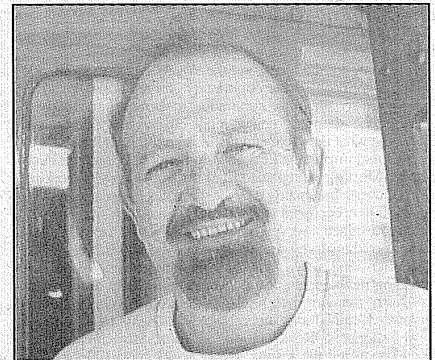
Eric and Liz on "Finished Business"



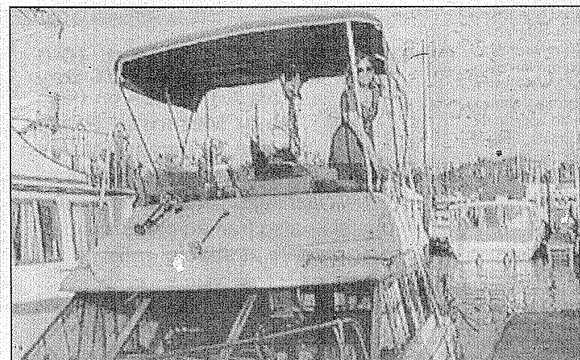
Chuck Cain and Rosee admire their floating "palace"



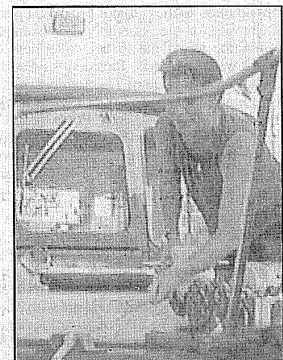
Ed Johnson introduces Naomi to guests



Prof. Bill Blass loves marina living at Southwest



Frank and Kathy Strauss get ready for a Friday night cruise.



Amy Smith, engineer, and her cat Lesia

Help Needed to Restore Benches to Southwest Waterfront Promenade

The restoration of the lower promenade along the waterfront has been completed, but the property has not yet been turned over to the National Park Service, nor have the benches been replaced. Mr. W. David Watts, Acting Director, D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development indicates (letter dated August 27):

"Last April 1997, DHCD successfully completed the restoration of the parks and lower promenade of the waterfront with the cooperation of the SW Waterfront Business Association... NPS was informed that DHCD's budget would not accommodate the installation of the NPS standard benches at the waterfront due to our tight funding source. NPS informed us that they also did not have any available funds to procure the benches for the SW Waterfront. Therefore, the benches were not replaced."

Contacts at the National Park Service (at Haines Point) are: William Newman, Chief of Maintenance Division (485-9873), and Arnold Goldstein, Superintendent (485-9880), or a very helpful administrative technician, Brenda Small.

Mr. Newman indicated that there were originally 20 benches, but it is proposed to install 10 new ones that conform with NPS standards. These benches, completely assembled and installed, will cost \$700 each, or a total of \$7,000. This amount is not included in the FY 1997 NPS appropriation, but is in the FY 1998 request. However, it is not certain that funding will be included in the Department of the Interior FY 1998 final appropriation bill. Mr. Newman also questions whether the benches are really needed and will be used. I indicated that they certainly were used a lot by walkers and others, particularly those who need to take a rest during a walk.

I suggest that we all contact (1) Secretary (of the Interior) Babbitt at 1849 C Street, NW, phone 208-7351; (2) Jack Evans, Council member, 1441 4th St. NW, phone 724-8058; (3) members of the Senate and House appropriations committees including (a) Senators Gorton (WA), Chair (224-3441) and Byrd (WV), ranking (minority) member (224-3954); (b) Representatives Regula (OH), Chair (225-3876) and Yates (IL), ranking (225-2111), and (4) Eleanor Holmes Norton (225-8050).

If we do not succeed in obtaining Federal appropriations for the NPS fund, we could encourage groups or individuals to donate to a bench fund, sending the money to the NPS, Attn: William Newman, at 900 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC 20024, marked for the "SW Waterfront Benches Fund."

Article submitted by Coralie Farlee, Ph.D., resident of Southwest DC community since 1980.

The People's Princess

by Donna Alston

We pay tribute to the princess who was compassionate and level headed. She was indeed a great mother and humanitarian. Princess Diana will always be in our thoughts and our hearts.

Princess Di impressed the world with her style and her grace. She fundamentally touched the downtrodden. Princess Di met with lepers. She learned about the land mines.

Although she was insecure at heart, she persevered and reached out until she touched the nation. The people admired her for the connections they felt towards her. Princess Diana overcame many obstacles; eating disorders and a strained marriage. She got out of a failed marriage while her children were young. Sometimes people stay in failed marriages because of the children. The Princess had the stamina to love herself and her children while getting out of a bad situation.

The Princess was among Kings and Queens but she still could relate to the people. She left behind her legacy.

We as a people embrace what she instilled in her children. Princess Diana said to her children, "I want you to sing what you feel," their lives will be so structured and they will be trained and drilled on every aspect of their being. I believe the Monarchy will yield a peg or two because they have been touched. Earl Spencer's speech was magnificent; he spoke from the heart.

He said, "your blood family loves you and appreciates you and realizes you're with the real King." We know your soul has risen and you're with Jesus. Princess Diane, I know you're having a little talk with Jesus and he has said, you are my faithful servant, you now can sit down. Princess Di all your wonderful organizational Protocol is not needed in Heaven. I thank Jesus that we the people got to know an Angel and I know you're talking to Mother Teresa. No royal title is needed up there. Princess Di was about her Father's business and she was justly rewarded by sitting at the altar and walking around Heaven on solid gold ground with rafters and columns decorated with precious stones.

Princess Di's favorite song was "A Vow To My Country." Elton John changed some of the lyrics to "Candle in the Wind" and dedicated it to the Princess, saying she was the English Rose. Farewell My Lady, I am glad to have known you. May God continue to bless you and your children "and the stars spell out your name" Diana.

Upcoming Event

What: Annual Fall Family Fun Fair and Flea Market
Where: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
600 M Street, SW

When: Monday, October 13, 1997, Columbus Day
Contact: For Information and space: 484-8470

Collectors Club of SW Washington To Celebrate 70th Anniversary - November 1, 1997

Philatelic historian, Herb Trenchard, will be the honored speaker at the Collectors Club of Washington's 70th Anniversary celebration on November 1, 1997. Mr. Trenchard will speak on the history of the Collectors Club of Washington and the important role it has played in the philatelic history of Washington, DC. The CCW was founded on November 1, 1927. The CCW meets the first and third week of every month at 7:00 PM at the Christ Methodist Church, 900 4th Street, SW (near Waterfront Metro), Washington, DC.

The Collectors Club of Washington offers stamp collectors in the Washington, DC area the opportunity to trade, sell and swap stamps. The CCW has regular programs, provides two stamp circuits to its members at each meeting, supports youth stamp collecting activities at several local libraries, and conducts 3 to 4 auctions during the year. Membership is only \$7.00 per year.

Members and guests are invited to attend this event to be held on November 1, 1997, Blackie's House of Beef, 1217 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. The social hour will begin at 6 pm, and dinner at 7 pm in the Caribbean Room. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a dinner menu choice of prime rib of beef, roasted half chicken, or fresh fish catch of the day. A special cachet commemorative envelope has been prepared for the event and will be provided to each attendee. Please mark this event on your calendar.

Send check (\$25 per person) and indicate choice of menu item by October 20, 1997, to Lorraine Bailey, Treasurer, CCW, P.O. Box 1483, Arlington, VA 22210. Additional special cachet commemorative envelopes can be purchased for \$2 each from the above address. If you have any questions regarding the celebration or membership in the CCW, please contact Don Peterson, President, CCW, at 202-291-6229.

Southwest 2020: The Future of Southwest Washington Long-Term Task Force Teams

The following is a list of task force teams dedicated to improving the quality of life in Southwest. We would welcome your participation - please contact the SWNA at 563-6056 for more information, or attend the upcoming general assembly meeting. Thank you for your support!

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

Mission: To increase access to the arts and other cultural and entertainment activities in Southwest.

Beautification/Infrastructure

Mission: To improve and maintain the physical appearance of Southwest.

Community Safety and Development

Mission: To foster a sense of true community spirit in Southwest by identifying ways residents can support one another.

Education and the Public Schools

Mission: To identify and implement ways in which the community can help improve the public school system.

Homeownership and Rental Housing

Mission: To 1) convince more people to move to Southwest; 2) convince more people to become homeowners in Southwest; and 3) make the public more aware of the many financing options available for first time homebuyers.

Job and Business Opportunities/Technical Training

Mission: To 1) increase the technical skills of Southwest residents in order to help advance their careers and increase salaries; 2) encourage companies to establish offices in the Southwest quadrant; and 3) work with existing businesses to encourage their development.

Public Housing

Mission: To improve the quality of Southwest's public housing residences.

S. Capitol Street/M Street Corridor

Mission: To redevelop and enhance the S. Capitol and M Street corridor into a major housing and commercial center.

Sports and Recreation

Mission: To develop and enhance recreational activities for residents, especially youth.

Town & Gown

Mission: To build a stronger relationship between Southeastern University and the Southwest community.

Waterside Mall and Waterfront

Mission: To protect the economic viability and promote the quality of life in Southwest.

Steering Committee

Mission: To coordinate activities of task force teams to minimize the duplication of efforts and provide extra support to teams as needed.

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WHEN SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — THE QUIET STORM

by Charles Spearman

Approximately 4 million women are battered each year by their husbands and partners (Domestic Violence, A Manual for Pro Bono Lawyers, AYUDA Fourth Edition)

I thought it was something I did. He has too much stress on the job. He doesn't mean to do it, he just can't help himself. I can't make it without him. He apologized.

I thought he would eventually change. Most of the time it was an accident. The children need their father, so this is the sacrifice I must make. I am afraid to tell anyone because he might get really angry. What will the neighbors think. What will his employer think. No one will believe me. I am determined to make this marriage work. He won't go to counseling, it's my fault; sometimes I make him so mad. He promised he was going to change and I believed him.

The list unfortunately is endless, but the fact remains, there is no justification for domestic violence. It is wrong, it should not be tolerated, it is against the law and help is available in the District.

While making a decision to take control of your life is often a difficult and painful process, there is help available if you are a victim of domestic violence.

The District of Columbia's Superior Court - Domestic Violence Intake Center can assist you in getting a Civil Protective Order (COP). The unit which began last year is designed to assist victims of domestic abuse by expediting and simplifying the COP process.

A judge will ask you questions about your safety and has the authority to grant a temporary protective order on the spot (for 14 days). You will be given a copy to carry with you at all times and a copy to file with the police.

After a hearing, a COP can be granted for 12 months if the court finds there is good cause to believe that the abuser has committed or threatened an intrafamily offense. The order can provide for a restraining order for your abuser cannot come near you or abuse you again, a vacate order requiring your abuser to move out of your shared residence, child support and custody, restitution for lost wages and medical expenses. If the COP is violated the abuser can be arrested.

While keeping the family together may often appear to be the best thing to do, studies have shown it may increase the risk of harm or death. This is also true where there is reconciliation with the abuser.

While Domestic violence is traumatic for the victim, it also has a profound impact on the children who witness such acts. RESPOND Inc. Of Somerville, Massachusetts reports that studies show that between 3 and 4 million children between the ages of 3 and 17 are at risk for exposure to domestic violence each year.

Emotional responses from children witnessing abuse against their mother include: fear, guilt, sleep disturbance, sadness, depression and anger (at both the abuser for the violence and at the mother for not being able to stop it).

Physical reactions can range from stomach aches, headaches or bedwetting, to loss of the ability to concentrate. Often behavioral responses can appear as a result of exposure to domestic abuse, such as reluctance in going to bed; to school or to leaving mother, hiding or running away, delayed development of speech, increased aggression with peers or mother, becoming withdrawn and self injuring.

Finally it is important to remember that the responsibility for the abuse including the effects on the children, is entirely the abusers. The responsibility to do something about the abuse rests unfortunately with the abused.

If you are a victim of domestic abuse, attempt to seek help from friends and family members you can trust, a private therapist or a counselor. You should also talk to a healthcare professionals, e.g. nurse practitioner or physician, advocates for battered women, teachers, confidential hotlines, ministers or co-workers.

For more information or to volunteer you should contact the following organizations:

National Network to End Domestic Violence

701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 900

Washington, DC 20004

Phone: 202-434-7405

FAX: 202-434-7400

D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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DC Superior Court/Domestic Violence Intake Center

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Southwest Chamber Concerts Continue

Southwest audiences may again enjoy amateur chamber music totally free as the local series begins its fall season in Saint Augustine's Church, Sixth Street and Maine Avenue.

The September program (unfortunately, too late for readers of this edition of the Southwester), featured two local ensembles, the Ironwood Recorders and the Potomac Mandolins, in a suite of dances, masques, and short pieces performed by each group. Music of such familiar composers as William Byrd, George Frederick Handel, Henry Purcell, and J.S. Bach were heard, together with a sensational Spanish guitar solo by John Hoang. At the end the two groups merged their talents for a baroque "jam session" of both kinds of instruments.

On Wednesday, October 8, soprano Joyce Bouvier and clarinets Jerry Schwarz and Irwin Papish join pianist David Ehrlich in a program of music of the great German romantics - Schumann, Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Brahms.

The November program, on Wednesday, November 12, will introduce Carl Blackwell, flute, who will combine with Southwest regulars Robin Finesmith, cello, and David Ehrlich, piano, in works of Beethoven and Carl Maria von Weber.

Both concerts will be at the usual 7:30 time. Call David Ehrlich, 484-6354, for further details.

"Family Strengthening Collaborative" is Developing

Within the past year, a new and exciting initiative has taken root. Although it has a long cumbersome title, the "South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative" (better known as SW/WR Collaborative), it has the potential to make a significant contribution to the betterment of our community. This newly-formed effort is comprised of a group of committed residents and non-profit organizations (the Southwest Community House being one). Its mission is to build a healthy community by creating a local network of community-based, family-centered and supportive resources that promote the stability of children, youth and families.

The Collaborative invites greater participation of concerned "Southwesters" to participate as this effort builds momentum. If you are interested or wish more information, call the Collaborative office at 543-3535 or the Southwest House at 488-7210.

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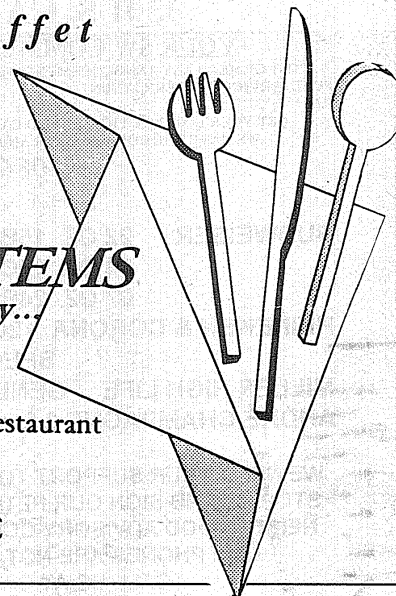
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Scholarship Committee Sets Sails Towards the Future

by Phillip Oliver

The cruise ship, Potomac Spirit was the setting this year for the SWNA Scholarship Committee's annual recognition ceremony for scholarship recipients. On board that fine afternoon of August 3rd was a casual gathering of Southwest scholars, their parents, committee members, other residents and friends. They numbered about seventy-five. Committee chair Barbara Murray presided over the sold-out program and gave a brief account of the scholarship committee's mission. She introduced committee members: Carole Early, Henry Evans, Herbert Holmes, Phillip Oliver, Miles Slater, and Emma Ward. (Dale MacIver was absent.) Most committee members were quite noticeable in their royal blue shirts, emblazoned with a Southwest emblem designed by Phillip Oliver. Mr. Holmes, a member of the Cavaliers and active in Southwest for years, was awarded a special certificate of appreciation for his service to the community. Scholarship recipients were then introduced and their schools identified. They were greeted with enthusiastic applause. Lonnie Murray, husband to Barbara, put his skills as a photographer to work and snapped pictures. Later, participants were entertained with inspired music.

Our Ward 2 school board representative, Ann Vilcox, joined the celebration and sampled the roast of turkey breast, seafood gumbo, rice pilaf, melets, and other delectables prepared by the ship's chef. After brunch, many ambled off to the ship's top deck where warm sunshine, cool breezes and all of the sights and sounds of monumental Washington and the Potomac awaited. At the end of the cruise, participants were able to purchase a



souvenir photograph to remember the occasion. Look to The Southwester for the latest information on activities of the SWNA Scholarship Committee, and for the date of next year's gala.

The Southwest community was thanked for their loyal support over the past 23 years. Combined with corporate supporters: The Design Center, Spirit Cruises and Sallie Mae, the following students will receive grants:

Jaymal Carroll - Frostburg State University
 Scott Frankel - Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rhonda Hamilton - Towson State University
 Joseph Johnson - Catonsville Community College
 Niya Jones - Brown University
 Davina Minnix - Winston Salem University
 Marcus Moon - Morgan State University
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 Martrelle Pyatt - Georgetown University
 Sara Wells - Hampton University
 Samuel Abiri Ward - University of Colorado
 Candace Wyder - Norfolk State University

Fil-Am Toastmaster Club Inducts New Officers

On Sunday, June 29, 1997, the Fil-AM Toastmasters club had their annual Induction of Officers ceremony at Hunan Taste restaurant in Oxon Hill, Maryland, even though it meets at the Southwest Branch Library. Southwest people who are interested in joining are encouraged to call for information.

All club officer's terms begin on July 1 and end on June 30th the following year. The afternoon festivities, which were coordinated by out-going Education Vice-President, Sylvia Magbanua (pictured above on far left) and hosted by Anita Ferguson, were filled with fellowship, fun, food, and award presentations. Out-going president John Carroll (pictured above on far right) received a well deserved plaque for his year long service to the club from area governor, Marshall Lewis (pictured in the middle). Emma de la Rosa and Alison Burke received new member pins and Wilma Yu and Quintin Wilkinson received plaques for outstanding service to the club. The ceremony ended with an inspirational inaugural address entitled, "Let's Make A Commitment", by president elect, Quintin Wilkinson.

The Fil-AM Toastmasters Club meets at 6:45 P.M. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Southwest library. Toastmasters International is an organization dedicated to offering individuals an opportunity to benefit from its communication and leadership programs. So remember, Power Up With Toastmasters!!

Call Quintin Wilkinson at-202/584-3126 for information on joining.

Announcement:

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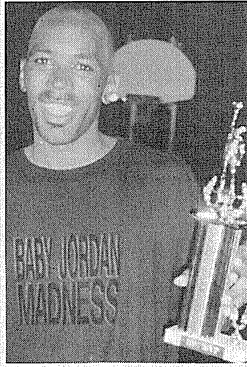
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Stallions Train 50 S.W. Youth For Football

by Dale MacIver



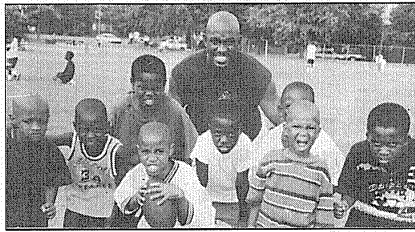
Little League Football in S.W. got off to a safe and solid start when adult members of the Stallion Touch Football team held a two day training camp at King-Greenleaf field this summer.

In its third year, the Stallion camp taught passing, blocking, pass receiving and drills for speed,

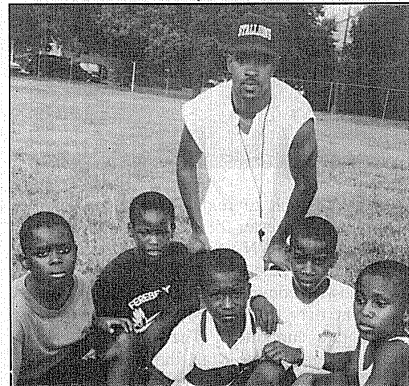
strength and safety to four dozen youth signing up for the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4 tack football season.

Trophies and awards were provided by the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

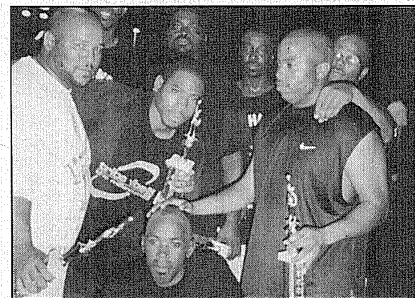
SW Bulls



Stallion coach/player Melvin Pickett with a group at the touch football camp



Stallion player David Burno tells one group to look mean, like real football line backers do.



Dave Carson Most Valuable Player

by Dale MacIver

In the summer-long adult basketball tournament at King-Greenleaf court, Dave Carson of the Southwest Bulls team was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

The Southwest Bulls defeated the "203 Wizards" in the championship game.

Sportsmanship trophies were awarded to Kalfani Johnson, Tony Mathis, Andre Iracks and Ketrail Lewis, who also won the slam-dunk contest. Lewis's prize for that contest included two ring-side seats to see Southwest boxer Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson defend his flyweight world championship in Connecticut.

Winner of the three-point shootout contest was Donald "Disco" Covington, who provided his professional loud-speaking/disco music equipment for the summer-long tournament.

Wally Perry was commissioner of the tournament, in which 11 teams from Southwest competed Friday and Saturday evenings from May to August, drawing two hundred neighborhood spectators a night

Mall Committee

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our banks and rented videos. These workers provided about one third of the customers at the mall. Without them, our small business people would not have enough customers to keep these essential services for us all. Without the shops and services our land values and quality of life would go down.

THE BIG NEWS: We will ask URBAN LAND INSTITUTE to help.

After nine months of meetings and interviews with the owner of Waterside mall, EPA and GSA officials, DC and US Planning groups and other interested individuals, them mall Committee, at their Sept. 3rd meeting agreed to apply

for the services of Urban Land Institute (ULI).

At the committee meeting, Adrienne Teleki from ULI described the services of their organization. After preliminary work by the local area, ULI brings in a panel of 8 to 10 experts in land use, financing, urban planning and

community development. The panel stays a week, views the area and interviews as many as 200 officials and local people to get their ideas of problems and solutions. They prepare a plan of action for the community based on their findings and experience.

The Committee has decided that the mall is only part of what we need to plan for Southwest. The Waterfront is an important asset and any planning must be comprehensive, taking into account the waterfront from the Fish Market and

even the Bureau of Engraving and the Holocaust Museum in the Southwest to South Capitol Street and the new development taking place in the near Southeast. We are looking forward to a plan which will take in all our area.

We are fortunate that a few years ago Anacostia contracted for the help of ULI. At our Sept. 3rd meeting, Butch Hopkins from Anacostia told about how the ULI had provided them a "road map" for the sequence of activities for the community to follow. He said Anacostia had been studied many times but only with the special help of ULI had they been able to get real attention to their needs and potential. Anacostia has followed the map and are pleased

with the assistance. The plans are for the long term.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board at its meeting on Sept. 8th accepted the recommendation of the mall Committee to apply to ULI for their assistance and agreed to move forward to raise the money necessary to hire them.

Waterside Mall Committee Takes Action

by Margaret Feldman, Chairman, Mall Committee

Find out what's happening at a special Town Meeting, September 30 at 7 p.m., at St. Augustine's Church at 600 M St., SW.

Yes, the EPA is really leaving our SW Waterfront mall. Perhaps you have noticed there are fewer people in the mall than there used to be. EPA workers are gradually moving out in work groups to their new location in the Ronald Reagan Building at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th St.

According to Waterside owners Bresler & Reiner, the EPA expects to complete the move as early as 2000 or by 2002, at the latest.



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Theater Review

by Wallace Babington

ROOM SERVICE

What is it? A play? A series of vaudeville skits? Revue? Rehearsal for a real play? None of the above? Whatever the goal was in creating the current Arena Stage production of "Room Service" with The Flying Karamazov Brothers, the final product remains a mystery. The advance publicity would lead us to believe that the Karamozovs are taking the roles of the Marx Brothers who made the movie version of "Room Service" based on the 1937 Broadway comedy. However, no such simple development takes place at the Kreeger.

The Karamozov Brothers have appeared in Washington before and have delighted audiences with juggling routines that are zany, crazy and wild. Their antics are choreographed with fine tuning and their acrobatic stage presence produces continuous laughter that could only be duplicated with a sound track. So what happens when they tackle "Room Service?"

There is not enough plot involved in the show to call it a comedy. There is not enough juggling or tumbling by the Brothers to call it a typical Karamozov revue. The show cannot be labeled a farce because there is not a base line of reality from which the antics and humor derive. The usual farcical components such as slamming doors, mistaken identities and disguises fail to create laughter simply because they are isolated incidents not related to even the faintest shadow of reality.

For what it's worth, here's the plot of "Room Service" as written by John Murray and Allen Boretz, and presented on Broadway and in the Marx Brothers movie: A theatrical producer attempts to find a backer for his production before he and his cast are thrown out of his brother-in-law's hotel for non-payment of the bill. The plot moves forward with a series of bizarre situations, recriminations, reversals, slamming closet doors with turkeys running loose, etc. You get the picture. But you will not get that story line from the Arena production.

There is some pleasure in just watching these skilled clowns on stage portraying an infinite number of characters in convoluted situations. But it's not a play - and it's not an updated version of a Marx Brothers comedy. It isn't necessary to define it; just enjoy it as best you can.

Association of American Foreign Service Women Bookfair

by Lesley Dorman

The Association of American Foreign Service Women (AAFSW) is holding its annual Book Fair at the Department of State on Saturday and Sunday October 18th and 19th and 25th and 26th. The hours will be 10 am to 4 pm.

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Book Reviews

by Wallace Babington

MYSTERY READING

Two new mysteries provide a contrast in writing skills and understanding of the crime/detective genre: "Pretend You Don't See Her" by Mary Higgins Clark and "The Butter Did It" by Phyllis Richmond (better known as the Washington Post food critic).

The Clark novel is a well told suspense story about a woman caught in the unfortunate situation of witnessing a crime and then being placed in the witness protection program. Clark manages to build tension with well developed characters about whom the reader cares. There are plenty of close calls and an ending that you do not foresee half way through the book. Mary Higgins Clark is one of our best mystery writers; this novel is evidence of that.

The same cannot be said of Phyllis Richmond. She is a better restaurant reviewer than novelist. I usually avoid books with "cute" titles that use words like "butter" for "butler." I should have avoided this one. It is poorly written, with a weak, unbelievable plot, red herrings that are obvious and characters that are unreal. Richmond should stick to food and restaurants. But it is a curiosity that is probably acceptable for light summer reading.

Both books are available at our Southwest Branch Library.

SW Community Supports WDCAEYC

Matti Edwards, President of the Washington, D.C. Association for the Education of Young Children would like to thank the following for their support for the "Run For Children" fund raiser: Audrey A. Johnson who sponsored 25 children; The Southwest Community House (SW Study Center) who sponsored 20 children; the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly who sponsored 30 children; Tony Perot who sponsored 10 children; Rosa Black who sponsored 5 children; and Emma P. Ward who sponsored 20 children. For further information on this organization call Matti at (202)726-2064.

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Neighborhood Church Welcomes New Baby, New Music Director, and New York Soloist

by Reverend Brian Hamilton

The Westminster Presbyterian congregation is delighted to announce the August 22 birth of Roman Pierce Hamilton, the son of Revs. Brian and Ruth Hamilton, co-pastors of the church since February 1996. The church is also pleased to welcome Mr. Michael Patterson as the new director of the ministry of music. Mr. Patterson is well-known to many in the local music world. Among other work, he is director of the Congressional Staff Choir and is currently accompanying a show at Arena Stage. The congregation is excited about his tenure as music director.

A special invitation is also extended to the community for the 11 am service on Sunday, October 5 when Roslyn Burroughs will be special guest soloist. Ms. Burroughs of Brooklyn, NY is a singer/actress whose Broadway credits include The Wiz, Bubbling Brown Sugar, Purlie, and The Sound of Music. She has been acclaimed internationally for her concerts and recordings. The congregation thanks member and SW resident, Dr. Louise Taylor, a personal friend of Ms. Burroughs, for arranging this special visit.

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Woman to Woman: A Gathering for Expression, Exchange and Exploration

by Reverend Brian Hamilton

On Saturday, October 4, the same day that hundreds of thousands of men will be gathering in the capital for the Promisekeepers rally, women of the Southwest community are invited to gather together for a time to express realities of their lives, to exchange stories of their journey, and to share goals and dreams for their future and explore how they might help each other reach some of them. "Woman to Woman" will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in the downstairs fellowship hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church at 400 I street, SW (across from Amidon School). To sign up for this special time of sharing and refreshments in a supportive environment, please call the church office at 202-484-7700.

SW DC LINCT

The next meeting of LINCT will be on the 3rd Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at 7:00 pm at the SW Library. This will be a very important meeting for the existence of the organization in the area. Depending on the restructuring and volunteering that occurs that night, they will meet again in November on the 3rd Tuesday which is the 18th.

What is SW DC LINCT? A computer-time credit sharing program. And lots more.

How can it be of use in my life? Well, The Southwester is being helped by SW DC LINCT typing articles & in return the Southwester is making meeting arrangements for SW LINCT. You never know what can be reciprocated until you get organized! So come help SW DC LINCT get re-organized into an group that fits the needs of Southwest residents today! For more information, call 202/298-1317.

The Million Woman March

The Million Woman March outreach team members of Southwest Washington, DC, Burnetta Coles, Pat Prophet, and Emma Ward, are spearheading a historic bus trip for a spiritual reunion of women of African descent to uplift, reaffirm our sisterhood, organize, empower our communities for the future to Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, October 25, 1997.

The registration forms filed with the Million Woman March will become permanent record to fuel and inform in accordance with our stated mission.

Our effort is grassroot and donations are sought to defray cost, for women who can not afford the cost of the boarding pass for that day. There will be child care facilities for women who can not find child care support for that day.

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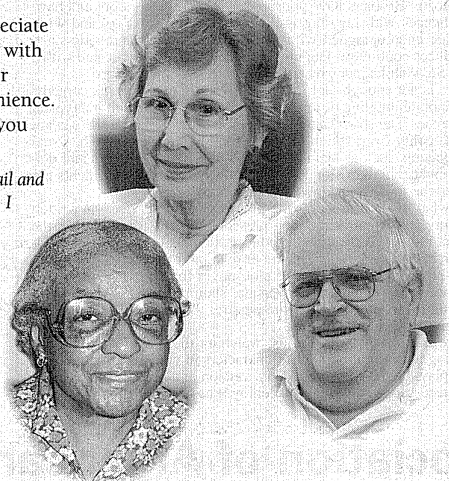
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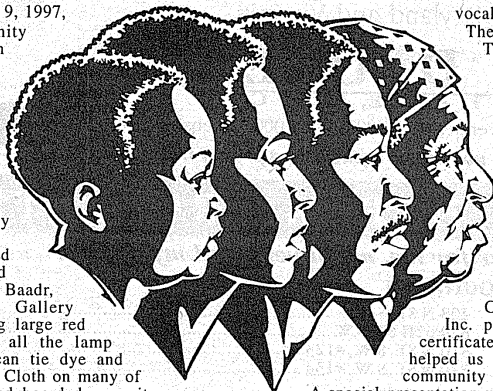
Remembering a Proud Heritage

On Saturday, August 9, 1997, the Syphax Community Center, Inc. working in conjunction with Heritage Gallery International, Inc., and Brother To Brother, Inc., held its Second Annual William T. Syphax Community Festival. This year's event was a great success enjoyed by all who attended.

With P Street closed between First and Second Streets, Mr. El Baadr, Director of Heritage Gallery International, Inc., hung large red and green banners on all the lamp posts; as well as African tie dye and authentic African Kente Cloth on many of the private buildings and boarded up units along the block. Mr. El Baadr created a beautiful cultural atmosphere for the entire event.

The festival opened with a prayer from Minister Ahmed Assalaam of the Temple of Universal Consciousness and the Program Director for the Syphax Community Center, Inc. In his prayer Minister Assalaam asked for more love and unity among the Syphax family, a day of peace and wholesome fun for everyone, as well as more training and jobs for a community that has suffered from over twenty-five years of structural decay and neglect.

DJ Face provided music for the day. Brother Muaata on keyboard and Robert on the drums opened the day's performance. Brother Muaata later did a solo keyboard and vocal performance. Of course our feature was a performance by Baba Ngoma the Master Drummer! There were special



vocal performances by OZ The Messenger as well as Time In Motion. Just as last year, the children were captivated by the African Storyteller.

There was a Community Service Awards Ceremony where Mrs. Ireatha Day Woods, the Mistress of Ceremony and Executive Secretary of the Syphax Community Center, Inc. presented twenty-eight certificates to those who have helped us in our efforts in this community during the past year.

A special presentation was made for Mr. Ron Cooke who passed away a few months ago. Mr. Cooke, a famous jazz musician and photographer for the Washington Informer, was also a member of the Advisory Committee for S.C.C.

Locally there were performances by Southwest's own Dion, and Syphax Gardens own Jah Southwest Crew, which consisted of Minister Ahmed Assalaam and his grandsons Keith Wanzor on vocals, as well as Lorenzo, Carnell, Ronnell, and Eric Wanzor on drums. Having only been together and practicing for ten days prior to the festival, Jah Southwest Crew performed two original songs which had the audience cheering and applauding. Jah means God. God's Southwest Crew brought a deep moral and spiritual message to everyone. Look for them in the future.

The program was closed with a feature performance by Hott Profit! The entire neighborhood rocked with the excitement of their performance. Everyone danced and partied without anger or violence. It was just a good time for all.

In the closing prayer Minister Assalaam asked everyone to do something positive with the energy they were leaving with. He asked for a twenty four hour truce free of violence and hostility throughout the neighborhood, and he asked that everyone unite and love each other as a show of their willingness to uplift and change our community for the better. This would be our way of forcing the boards to come down off the many vacant units that served as a public eyesore. In response everyone went into the house and the streets were quiet and violence free for the next three days.

Hats Off

Many longtime southwesters, as well as supporters of the Southwest Community House have fond memories of Father Norman A. Haddad when he was working here. On June 10, Fr. Haddad, O.P. was elected Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. He is the Religious Superior of over 300 Dominican Fathers and Brothers serving in various ministries in the eastern portion of the United States, and in the foreign missions of Peru and Kenya. In his "Southwest Days", he was at St. Dominic's Church for over twenty years and an activist in community affairs.

Congrats to Reverend Ruth Hamilton and Reverend Brian Hamilton of Westminster Church on the birth of their baby son, Roman Pierce. We also want to congratulate Dr. Vesta McDowell of SW Podiatry and Arnold Brown on the birth of their daughter Vesta Sierra Rose Brown. Such a long name for such a little girl.

And while we are on the subject of congratulations, let us mention Southwest resident Reverend Lee A. Earl. On Sunday, August 31, 1997, he was installed as minister of Shiloh Baptist Church, 1401 Duke St. in Alexandria.

We wish a healthy recovery to Richard Bauer, Arena Stage actor and Southwest resident who is undergoing cancer treatment. Phillips Seafood Restaurant, 900 Water St., SW is named to Top 400 Restaurant List. Phillips ranked 12th in the Seafood Category, and 318 overall.

Southwester Joy Jones of "Joy's Cookie Factory" who has her cookies for sale in "Jenny's" and "Julie's Hallmark". Yum, they are good.

One of the original members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and an active member of the Youth Activities Task Force, Barbara Hurlbutt died earlier this month. The memorial service will be announced later.

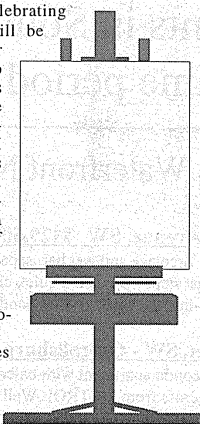
Congrats to Jeannie Meece and Bill Brooks on their daughter Shoshana.

Harvest Festival Show and Sale Planned

by Reverend Brian Hamilton

A show and sale celebrating the harvest season will be held Saturday, October 18, 1997 from 10am to 6pm in the downstairs fellowship hall of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 400 I Street, SW (across from Amidon School). This is a festival featuring the work of a diverse community of artists, exhibitors, designers, and craftpersons in the Washington metropolitan area—all of whom are visionaries in their field. This group of talented people has created unique, one-of-a-kind items which only a select few have seen.

The community is invited to come and experience a rare opportunity to shop, browse, eat, mingle and network with people of the same mind and spirit in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Pediatric AIDS Foundation at Children's National Medical Center. Neighborhood artist and resident, Greg Scott, is the organizer of this event, working in conjunction with the Westminster Presbyterian congregation. Mr. Scott says, "Come and be a part of the wonderful community festivities!" Admission is free.



Poetry

Poems by Elementary Student
Sydney Payne at Youth Activities Task
Force Reception

Just Open Your Eyes And See
By Sydney H. Payne, 2/14/96

Just open your eyes and see
What you can really be
Inside your mind and heart
Take one step forward and start
It's all up to you
Just take one step and do!

Fish Under The Sea
By Sydney Payne

Fish Under The Sea Are Many Different Colors
Red, Blue, Green And Many Others.
Sometimes Fish Swim In Schools,
Round And Round Down Deep In Pools.
When The Fisherman Comes With His Net
He Catches As Much As He Can Get.
When He Gets Home And Cooks Them Up
He Eats Them All And Has Had Enough.

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- 1301 Delaware Ave., S.W., \$29,000.
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Project Name	List Price	BR	LA Last Name
Capitol Park	\$119,500	2	Cathy Cormack
Capitol Park	\$129,500	2	Harold Sanders
Carrollsborg	\$97,500	2	Cathy Cormack
Carrollsborg	\$99,500	2	Louise Jennings
Riverside	\$130,000	2	Kitty Kaupp
River Park	\$52,000	2	Cathy Cormack
River Park	\$45,000	2	Cathy Cormack
River Park	\$34,500	1	Cathy Cormack
River Park	\$29,900	1	Sandra Hanbury
River Park	\$69,900	2	Sandra Hanbury
Riverside	\$115,000	2	Grant Griffith/Ryall Smith
Riverside	\$39,900		Grant Griffith/Ryall Smith
Tiber Island	\$42,000	1	Cathy Cormack
Tiber Island	\$30,000		Matt White
River Park	\$27,000	1	Cathy Cormack

719 Delaware Avenue, SW \$129,500

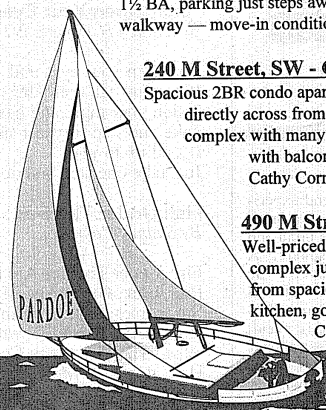
Huge living room, fireplace and wet bar, separate dining room, 2BR, 1 1/2 BA, parking just steps away, on a quiet, cherry tree shaded walkway — move-in condition! Harold Sanders 202 546-7000 x250

240 M Street, SW - Carrollsborg - \$97,500

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